

## EXHIBIT 5: Letters of Support

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*A. Buell*  
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September 22, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express support for the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Trout Recovery Project proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the San Francisquito Watershed Council.

This project will help to enhance steelhead migration passage at 7 key locations in the watershed; restore 2 acres of native riparian vegetation along San Francisquito Creek; and improve landowner and resident stewardship of the watershed.

Both the environment and the residents of the San Francisquito watershed will receive great benefits from this project. We hope that you will look favorably on this funding request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BYRON D. SHER  
Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Phil Chang, San Francisquito Watershed Council

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Liz Kniss  
Supervisor Fifth District

September 23, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

#### **RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project**

Dear Mr. Morabito:

It is my pleasure to offer my enthusiastic support and endorsement for all aspects of the San Francisquito Watershed Council's Steelhead Recovery Project. This watershed has some of the best steelhead habitat and natural resources in my district of Santa Clara County (District 5), and the Watershed Council is a model community-based stewardship organization.

Specifically, the proposal requests funding for removing significant barriers to steelhead passage, for removing exotic, invasive plants and replacing with locally grown native plants, and for developing and implementing a strategic watershed stewardship plan. All of these will be of direct benefit to the resources of the San Francisquito watershed and the local community. Additionally, they will serve as models and demonstrations for other watershed councils now forming within District 5, and at other places in the Santa Clara Basin.

Please know that we will appreciate favorable consideration by the California Coastal Conservancy for this project. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

*Liz Kniss*

Liz Kniss  
Santa Clara County Supervisor  
District 5

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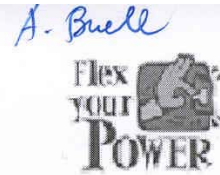
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State of California



### Memorandum

To : Paul Morabito, Chair  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Date: September 18, 2003

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject : San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

The Department of Fish and Game supports the San Francisquito Watershed Council's \$233,000 grant request under consideration at your October 23, 2003 board meeting. This grant will aid the restoration of Federally listed steelhead trout populations by designing modifications for steelhead migration impediments, removing invasive exotic vegetation and replacing with native vegetation, and designing and producing educational materials.

The Department has partnered with the San Francisquito Watershed Council twice in the past several years and has found them to be a responsible recipient of grant funds. Their interest in restoring anadromous steelhead populations is consistent with the goals of the Department of Fish and Game. The proposed Steelhead Recovery Project was developed using a prioritized approach to watershed restoration.

If you have questions regarding our comments, please contact Bob Coey, Senior Biologist, at (707) 944-5582.

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

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CHARLES M. KINNEY  
COUNCILMEMBER

MICKIE WINKLER  
COUNCILMEMBER

RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Menlo Park to express support for the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Trout Recovery Project proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the San Francisquito Watershed Council. San Francisquito Creek flows for nearly six miles along the border of Menlo Park.

This project will help to enhance steelhead migration passage at seven key locations in the watershed, restore two acres of native riparian vegetation along San Francisquito Creek, and improve landowner and resident stewardship of the watershed.

The City of Menlo Park is particularly enthusiastic about this project for three reasons. First, the project will help replace the "Bonde" weir which performs essential grade control functions on San Francisquito Creek, but is a severe impediment to steelhead passage and is structurally deteriorating. Second, the riparian revegetation component will help to restore environmentally beneficial native vegetation on the creek within the city boundaries and create opportunities for hands-on citizen volunteer stewardship of their local creek. Finally, the stewardship component of this project will help Menlo Park residents reduce pollution to, and maintain and enhance habitat along, the mainstem of San Francisquito Creek.

The environment and the residents of the San Francisquito watershed will benefit from this project. We hope that you will look favorably on this funding request. Thank you for your consideration.

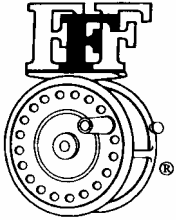
Sincerely,

*Dianne Dryer*

Dianne Dryer  
Environmental Programs Coordinator

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### Federation of Fly Fishers

*Conserving - Restoring - Educating Through Fly Fishing*

#### Northern California Council

September 16, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

On behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers and our thousands of members, I wish to strongly endorse the proposed San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project.

Last year the Federation awarded a grant to the council to remove a barrier to fish passage and we hope to offer additional support in the coming year. I have been a first hand witness to the good work the council does for this watershed and trust that this project would make excellent use of the funds requested.

This watershed can, with your help, once again support a thriving steelhead population. While it is not likely that I will see the return of sportfishing in San Francisquito Creek during my lifetime, perhaps my grandchildren will.

I strongly urge you to fund this outstanding project.

Respectfully yours,

Mondy Lariz  
NCC/FFF and Flycasters, Inc.  
Conservation Chair  
2353 Venndale Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95124  
(408) 356-8258

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Fax to 510.286.0470 Attention Ann Buell

September 24, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, suite 1100  
Oakland, Ca 94602

**RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project**

Dear Mr. Morabito,

I am writing on behalf of the Portola Valley Conservation Committee to support the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Trout Recovery Project proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the San Francisquito Watershed Council.

This project will help enhance steelhead migration passage at 4 key locations in Portola Valley on Los Trancos Creek. It will also restore 2 acres of native riparian vegetation along San Francisquito Creek by removing invasive non-native plants and revegetating the area with plants grown from seed or cuttings gathered in this watershed.

We have found that the personal involvement of residents in revegetation has made them more aware of the value of our creeks, more protective of creek habitat and supportive of Town involvement in regulating creek bank stabilization and setting of buffer zones.

Both the environment and residents of the San Francisquito watershed will receive benefits from this project. We hope that you will look favorably on this funding request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Margaret DeStaeblér, Conservation Committee, chairperson



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September 19, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

RE: Support for San Franciquito Watershed  
Steelhead Recovery Project

Coalition for Effluent Action Now  
in South Bay

Endorsements (partial list):

Bay Area Audubon Chapters --

Golden Gate

Madrone

Marin

Mount Diablo

Napa-Solano

Ohlone

Santa Clara Valley

Sequoia

California Native Plant Society --

Santa Clara Chapter

Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge

Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands

Citizens for Open Space in Alvarado

Committee for Green Foothills

Communities for a Better Environment

Defenders of Wildlife

Fisherman's Wharf Association

Friends of Charleston Slough

Friends of Foster City

Friends of Redwood City

Greenpeace

Mission Creek Conservancy

Natural Resources Defense Council

Northern California Council Federation  
of Fly Fishers

Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's  
Associations

Peninsula Conservation Center Foundation

Planning and Conservation League

San Francisco Boardsailing Association

Santa Clara County Greenbelt Coalition

Save Our South Bay Wetlands

Save San Francisco Bay Association

Save Wetlands in Mayhews

Sierra Club --

Bay Chapter

Loma Prieta Chapter

Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition

South Bay Wetlands Coalition

Sportsmen for Equal Access

The Bay Institute of San Francisco

Tri-City Ecology Center

United Anglers

Whistling Wings/Pintail Action Group

Dear Mr. Morabito:

*A. Buell*

It is a special pleasure to request that the Coastal Conservancy fund the proposed steelhead recovery project. CLEAN South Bay is a 15-year-old coalition of environmental groups, recreational and commercial fishing interests, and San Francisco Bay user organizations. Our focus is on water quality and habitat protection in the Bay, wetlands and watersheds south of the Dumbarton Narrows.

The project you are considering will provide direct habitat improvement for one of the best steelhead runs in the South Bay Area by helping with barrier remediation, removal of invasive exotic plants, and revegetation with locally grown native plants. Additionally, the stewardship activities will be useful both for the local community and as models for other watershed groups in the area.

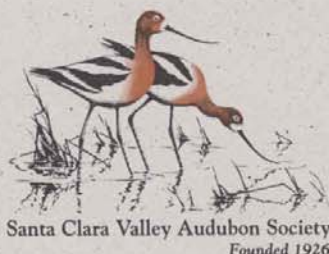
As a convening member of the San Francisquito Watershed Council, and scribe for its Steelhead Task Force, I can also attest to the energy, enthusiasm, and professional quality of the organization. Finally, after living within about a block of the creek for most of the last fifty years, I can also say that support from the California Coastal Conservancy for this important work will be really appreciated.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

*Trish Mulvey*

Trish Mulvey  
Cofounder, CLEAN South Bay  
527 Rhodes Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303  
(650) 326-0252 or mulvey@ix.netcom.com

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September 17, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair *A. Buell*  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

**RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project**

Dear Mr. Morabito,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) and our nearly 4000 members in Santa Clara County, I am writing to express our support for the San Francisquito Watershed Council's Steelhead Recovery Project (project). SCVAS works with many local citizen and environmental groups on initiatives towards watershed protection and enhancements and have witnessed the positive effects resulting from the hard work of these groups. As such, we encourage the Coastal Conservancy to accept and fully fund this worthwhile project.

The proposal by the San Francisquito Watershed Council does more than protect riparian habitat, it takes the next step towards restoration and enhancement – a step other groups often do not have the time or resources to take. The San Francisquito Watershed, because of its potential to support steelhead populations and the relatively high level of citizen involvement, is an ideal candidate for major restoration efforts. By improving fish passage and removing damaging invasive plant species, this Project will significantly increase the quality of natural resources in the San Francisquito Watershed.

In addition, the outreach component of their project, which promotes stewardship and citizen awareness, is key to ensuring community involvement in the future protection of the watershed. It is important that while SCVAS works to protect our natural resources, other groups, such as the San Francisquito Watershed Council, work to enhance them.

Once again, we urge you to accept this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig K. Breon  
Executive Director

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September 29, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGENCY

Agricultural  
Commissioner/ Sealer of  
Weights & Measures

Animal Control

Cooperative Extension

Fire Protection

LAFCo

Library

Parks & Recreation

Planning & Building

RE: Support for San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Morabito: *J. Buell*

I am writing on behalf of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division to express support for the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Trout Recovery Project proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Council.

This project will help to enhance the steelhead migration passage at seven key locations in the watershed, restore two acres of riparian vegetation along San Francisquito Creek, and improve landowner and resident stewardship of the watershed. One of the locations work is proposed at is a culvert/ fish migration barrier located on McGarvey Gulch, which is located in Huddart County Park. It is our understanding that the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Council will handle all design plans in coordination with County Park staff, and handle all permitting and environmental review as well as implementation. County Parks intends to provide in kind services, to be determined, to assist the Watershed Council on this important project.

Both the environment and the residents of the San Francisquito Creek watershed will receive great benefits from this project. We hope that you will look favorably on this funding request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Burns  
Director

C: Dave Moore Superintendent  
Priscilla Alvarez, Ranger IV  
Sam Herzberg, Park Planner

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### PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

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*A. Bruce*

September 24, 2003

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94602

RE: Support for San Francisquito Watershed Steelhead Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Morabito:

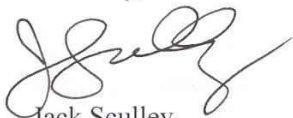
I am writing on behalf of the town of Woodside's Bear Creek League of Advocates for the Watershed (Bear CLAW) to express support for the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Steelhead Trout Recovery Project proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the San Francisquito Watershed Council.

This project will help to enhance steelhead migration passage at 7 key locations in the watershed; restore 2 acres of native riparian vegetation along San Francisquito Creek; and improve landowner and resident stewardship of the watershed.

Two of the barriers are within the Woodside town limits—the Fox Hollow bridge and McGarvey Gulch—which will directly benefit our community. The educational materials will help educate the citizens of our town about the priceless resources our creeks are to our quality of life.

Both the environment and the residents of the San Francisquito watershed will receive great benefits from this project. We hope that you will look favorably on this funding request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack Sculley  
BearCLAW Representative

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